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LEADS

LAS VEGAS:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will attempt to identify T. W. RICHARDSON, New Frontier Hotel, and interview him concerning the \$1,000.00 fee which he gave to BALLETTI. U

It should be noted that ROBERT MAHEU previously advised that he paid \$1,000.00 fee to EDWARD L. DUBOIS, Jr., in Miami. DUBOIS denies this. U

ADMINISTRATIVE

b2c This is a joint investigation of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] U

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Los Angeles and Washington Field for reference purposes, in the event that these divisions have to conduct additional investigations in this matter. U

b7c MAHEU, during his stay at the Kenilworth Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida, during the latter part of October, 1960, telephonically contacted the residence of [REDACTED]

Since there is no apparent connection between [REDACTED] and this investigation, no attempt was made to interview her in this matter. U

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: April 6, 1961

Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA

Field Office File No.: 139-63

Bureau File No.: 139-1201

Title: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI;
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as
J. W. Harrison

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis: EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR., reinterviewed 3/20/61, and claims ROBERT MAHEU paid his agency a fee of \$1,000.00 in cash. DUBOIS states MAHEU phoned BALLETTI at Las Vegas and instructed him to contact T. W. RICHARDSON at the New Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas. BALLETTI followed instructions and RICHARDSON gave him \$1,000.00 in cash. DUBOIS denies ownership of any equipment seized at time of BALLETTI's arrest, except he owns Minefon tape recorder, Minox camera and .35 mm Contessa camera and film. Denies any knowledge of other equipment. BALLETTI reinterviewed 3/29/61. Admits receiving \$1,000.00 in cash from T. W. RICHARDSON in Las Vegas on 10/31/60. BALLETTI admits taking Minefon and 2 cameras with him to Las Vegas. Denies any knowledge of other technical equipment seized. Claims he can furnish no additional information regarding arrest. No record on JOHN A. ROLLINS, Miami.

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DETAILS:

Date April 4, 1961

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ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI was interviewed by
Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
at Miami. u

At the outset of the interview, BALLETTI was advised that he did not have to make a statement, and any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. BALLETTI was advised of his rights to an attorney. u

BALLETTI was questioned as to what equipment he took from Miami to Las Vegas in the latter part of October, 1960. BALLETTI stated that he took a Minefon tape recorder and a small green bag, which contained a microphone for the recorder and an ear piece for the recorder. He also took a .35 mm Zeiss Contessa camera, and a Minox camera, along with tape for the recorder and film for the camera. BALLETTI stated that he has no idea who owns the other technical equipment which was confiscated in the hotel room at the time of his arrest. BALLETTI admitted that he and HARRISON checked in together at the Riviera Hotel. However, BALLETTI would not definitely state that this equipment was brought into the hotel by HARRISON. u

BALLETTI added that he does not recall telling the officers who arrested him at Las Vegas that J. W. HARRISON was actually FRED HARRIS of Miami. BALLETTI stated that he is at a loss to explain how the officers came by this information. u

BALLETTI stated that he has no information as to how HARRISON departed Las Vegas, and does not know what airplane tickets, if any, HARRISON used. BALLETTI stated that he no longer can recall whether HARRISON left the day before he, BALLETTI, was arrested, or on the morning of the day on which he was arrested. u

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On 3/29/61 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 139-63

b7c by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/29/61
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BALLETTI stated that either on October 30 or October 31, 1960, that he received a long distance telephone call from ROBERT MAHEU. BALLETTI stated that he never knew where MAHEU was making the call from. MAHEU instructed him to contact T. W. RICHARDSON at the New Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, and that RICHARDSON would pay him a \$1,000.00 fee. BALLETTI continued that he took a taxi from the Riviera Hotel to the New Frontier Hotel, only to find that the hotels were only a very short distance apart. BALLETTI stated that he went into the hotel and asked probably a bellboy where he could locate T. W. RICHARDSON, and the bellboy referred him to the pit (card room) at the hotel. BALLETTI stated that he went to the pit and asked one of the guards how he could contact T. W. RICHARDSON, and the guard had him wait at one of the tables, which was not being used. A short time later, RICHARDSON came over to the table, and BALLETTI gave him the password, which he recalled was "MOKO sent me." RICHARDSON indicated that BALLETTI should follow him, and they walked out of the card room into the men's room, where RICHARDSON gave him ten \$100.00 bills. BALLETTI stated that he gave RICHARDSON no receipt for the money, and he put the money in his pocket, and left the hotel. 4

BALLETTI described RICHARDSON as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Nationality:	American
Age:	Late 40's
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Dark, steel gray at temples
Characteristics:	Did not wear glasses or have a mustache, or any other distinguishing facial features

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Clothing:

Claims RICHARDSON was wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and tie

BALLETTI stated that based on his conversation with the bellboy and the guard in the card room, and watching RICHARDSON work around the hotel, he believed that RICHARDSON was well known at the hotel and possibly could be connected with the ownership or management of the hotel and gambling casino.

BALLETTI was again asked if he did not actually know the true identity of J. W. HARRISON. BALLETTI denied this, and reiterated that he has furnished all the information that he has concerning HARRISON. BALLETTI also denied having any connection with the wire tap found on DAN ROMAN's phone. M

BALLETTI added that he now has furnished all the information in his possession to the FBI. M

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Date March 22, 1961

b7c On March 20, 1961, EDWARD L. DU BOIS, JR., was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. At the outset of the interview, DU BOIS was advised that he did not have to make a statement; that if he did make a statement it could be used against him in a court of law; and that he had the right to consult an attorney. u

DU BOIS stated he wished to cooperate to the fullest extent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this investigation and was willing to make available any record or information which he had in his possession. u

After reviewing his records, DU BOIS stated that on October 25, 1960, his company, Investigations, Inc., purchased two round trip tickets from Miami, Florida, to Los Angeles, California, and return. American Express billed the company \$700.88 for the costs of these tickets. The credit card used bore the name ARTHUR J. BALLETTI, #016 043 789 3, which was issued to BALLETTI by Investigations, Inc. Among DU BOIS' records was the receipt portion of American Airlines Ticket, #1,771,944, bearing the name R. HUNTER and issued on October 25, 1960. The return portion of this ticket reflects that on November 3, 1960, American Airlines issued a ticket to R. HUNTER from Los Angeles to Ft. Worth, New Orleans and Miami in exchange for ticket #529927 issued October 25, 1960, at Miami. DU BOIS' records did not contain the return stub of the ticket bearing the name J. W. HARRISON. u

DU BOIS continued that ROBERT MAHEU paid him \$1,000.00 in cash as his Retainer. DU BOIS claims that BALLETTI told him that on October 31, 1960, he, BALLETTI, received a long distance telephone call from MAHEU who claimed that he was calling from Los Angeles. MAHEU instructed BALLETTI to go either to the Dunes or Flamingo Hotels in Las Vegas and contact a Mr. RICHARDSON and that RICHARDSON would pay him the Retainer. DU BOIS continued that BALLETTI went to one of the two above mentioned hotels

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contacted Mr. RICHARDSON and RICHARDSON did in fact pay him \$1,000.00 in cash. DU BOIS claims that it was BALLETTI's impression that RICHARDSON was probably MAHEU's client and that probably RICHARDSON was either the owner or connected with the management of the hotel where he was contacted.

DU BOIS was asked if he knew JOHN A. ROLLINS and he stated that he did not know anyone by that name.

DU BOIS was questioned concerning the equipment found in Room 331 of the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, at the time ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI was arrested. DU BOIS stated the Minifon Tape Recorder found in the room belonged to his agency along with the Minox Camera and the .35 mm Zeiss camera as well as the film that belonged to these two cameras. DU BOIS denied that any of the other technical equipment found in the room belonged to his agency. DU BOIS stated that he does not know who owned this equipment but assumed it belonged to J. W. HARRISON.

DU BOIS was questioned as to why BALLETTI took the Minifon with him on this assignment, to which DU BOIS replied that the Minifon and the cameras were standard equipment with his operators.

DU BOIS added that Attorney THOMAS FOLEY, whom he understands is the brother of the Attorney General for the State of Nevada, was hired to defend BALLETTI at Las Vegas. DU BOIS stated that FOLEY was hired by Attorney JAMES E. SANTILLION of Beverly Hills, California, whom he understands is an attorney of ROBERT MAHEU's. DU BOIS stated that it is his understanding that MAHEU is paying the attorney's fees.

DU BOIS reiterated that he does not know the name of the principal in this case who contacted MAHEU to have the surveillance instituted on DAN ROWAN. DU BOIS added that he does not know nor can he furnish any additional information on J. W. HARRISON other than this individual was reported to be an employee of MAHEU and sent by MAHEU to Las Vegas to aid on the surveillance of ROWAN.

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EDWARD L. DUBOIS, Jr., telephonically advised that he found in his records a slip of paper, which reflects that "T. W. RICHARDSON, New Frontier Hotel, DU 2-7171, Las Vegas," was the name used by the individual who paid BALLETTI \$1,000.00 in cash at Las Vegas.

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Records of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 300 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, reflect that IO 4-8511 was listed during October, 1960, and is currently listed to the Escape Hotel, 2900 Rio Mar Drive, Ft. Lauderdale. This is the hotel switchboard number. u

JA 3-1441 during October, 1960, was assigned to the switchboard at the Broward County Circuit Court Offices, Court House, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This switchboard covers the offices of the Circuit Court Clerk, County Finance Department and Recording Department. This number has been changed to JA 5-2921. u

67c In order to produce these records, a subpoena duces tecum must be directed to Mr. [REDACTED] Assistant Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 300 Northeast 3rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. u

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On 3/3/61 at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida File # MIAMI 139-63

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On 3/3/61 at Hollywood, Florida File # MIAMI 139-63by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 3/3/61

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On March 24, 1961, Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] reviewed the records of the Dade County Department of Public Safety, Miami Police Department, the Miami Beach Police Department, Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, and the Municipal Court of Miami, and was unable to locate any information identifiable with JOHN A. ROLLINS. u